

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1170 - HB 1091

February 25, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits proprietary institutions authorized under the Postsecondary Education Authorization Act of 1974 to confer academic or specialized degrees unless the institution has been approved to offer such degrees by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Requires proprietary institutions to use the same academic degree names as those commonly accepted and approved by postsecondary institutions in Tennessee. Requires proprietary institutions authorized under the Act to have a process to consider acceptance and transfer of credits from another such institution. Requires the process developed to consider credit acceptance and transfer on the basis of applicability and quality of academic work, rather than solely upon the accreditation of the institution from which the credits are being transferred.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Tennessee Higher Education Commission will not serve as an arbiter in the event of disputes between proprietary institutions.
- Proprietary institutions will develop credit acceptance and transfer consideration policies without any increase in state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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